

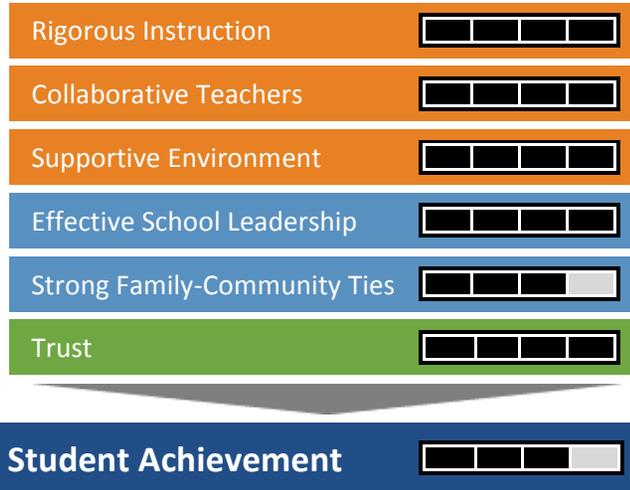
2014-15 School Quality Snapshot / HS

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Essex Street Academy (02M294)

Framework for Great Schools

Research shows that schools strong in the six areas are far more likely to improve student learning.



KEY:



School Overview

Essex Street Academy (ESA) prepares all students for success in college and careers by treating them as individuals with specific strengths and needs and appealing to their intellectual curiosity. We offer elective courses that challenge students to develop their own ideas and push them to learn by doing. Students design and conduct experiments, develop historical theses, analyze works of literature, and develop solutions and proofs for mathematical problems. Small class size makes a personalized approach to education possible, enabling teachers to develop an individual relationship with each student. At ESA, our students are active learners and graduate from our school confident in their ability to tackle any problem they encounter.

General Information

Principal: Erin Carstensen
 Grades served: 09,10,11,12,SE
 Enrollment: 358
 Average SAT: 1193/2400
 Shared Space: Yes
 Admissions methods: Limited Unscreened



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 Manhattan, NY 10002
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Student Demographics

Asian: 6% | Black: 39% | Hispanic: 41% | White: 12%
 English Language Learners: 4%
 Student with Special Needs: 26%

Staff Experience

Years of principal experience at this school: 4.9
 % of teachers with 3 or more years of experience: 84%

Attendance

Student Attendance: 86% | Students Chronically Absent: 32%
 Teacher Attendance: 97%

Activities, Sports, and Arts

81% of students feel that this school offers a wide enough variety of programs, classes, and activities to keep them interested in school

Extracurricular Activities

Study Hall, Governor's Committee Mentoring Program, Global Kids, Peer Tutoring, Community Service, Student Newspaper, Big Sib Mentoring Program, Mock Trial, Step Team, Student Government, Theater, Yearbook, Yoga

PSAL Sports

Boys: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Handball, Volleyball, Wrestling

Girls: Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball

Co-Ed: N/A

Arts Classes

Visual Art, Music, Studio Art, Theater Survey / Introduction to Theater, Three-Dimensional Art, Acting



¹ College or career preparatory courses and exams (number of students successfully completing out of 90 seniors):

- Other Advanced Course (54)
- Associate Degree (18)
- A.P. Spanish Language (10)
- College Credit Course (9)

Student Achievement

This section presents information on the progress towards graduation, graduation rates, college and career readiness, and postsecondary options pursued by students at this school.

Progress Toward Graduation

Credits

78%

earned enough credits in 9th grade to be on track for graduation

City: 84%
Borough: 84%
Comparison Group*: 83%

81%

earned enough credits in 10th grade to be on track for graduation

City: 79%
Borough: 81%
Comparison Group*: 75%

Regents

How well does this school help students improve from their incoming proficiency levels and pass Regents exams?

English		Mathematics	N/A
Science	N/A	Social Studies	N/A

Graduation

4-Year

84%

graduated within four years

City: 70%
Borough: 71%
Comparison Group*: 79%

6-Year

76%

graduated within six years

City: 76%
Borough: 77%
Comparison Group*: 79%

The citywide graduation rates are projected numbers, subject to correction by the New York State Education Department.

At this school, how did students from different starting points in 8th grade perform in high school?

Starting Point (8th grade level)	High School Outcomes			
	Graduated in 4 yrs		College ready	
	School	City	School	City
Level 3 or 4	100%	95%	80%	86%
Level 2	92%	81%	81%	32%
Level 1	78%	47%	41%	4%

Closing the Achievement Gap

How well did this school help different groups of students graduate in four years?

English Language Learners	N/A
Students with Special Needs	
City's Lowest Performing Students	

College and Career Readiness

67%

successfully completed approved college or career preparatory courses and assessments¹

City: 46%
Borough: 46%
Comparison Group*: 48%

60%

graduated college ready (met CUNY's standards for avoiding remedial classes)

City: 35%
Borough: 39%
Comparison Group*: 26%

61%

graduated from high school and enrolled in college or other postsecondary program within 6 months

City: 53%
Borough: 56%
Comparison Group*: 54%

Postsecondary options that students from this school pursued:

- 6% CUNY (City University of New York) - 4 yr
- 20% CUNY (City University of New York) - 2 yr
- 26% New York State Public
- 6% New York State Private
- 1% Out of State
- 0% Other

KEY:

Excellent	
Good	
Fair	
Poor	

***Comparison Group** is made up of students from other schools across the city who were the most similar to the students at this school, based on their incoming test scores, disability status, economic need, and over-age status. Comparing the school's result to the "comparison group" result provides insight on how well the school is helping its students in light of their starting points and the challenges that they face.



¹ Quality Review

Ratings from an experienced educator who visited and evaluated the school on March 3-4, 2014

² Survey Response Rates

Teachers: 100%
Parents: 26%
Students: 81%

KEY:



Rigorous Instruction



Curriculum and instruction are designed to engage students, foster critical thinking skills, and are aligned to the Common Core.

Quality Review ¹

How interesting and challenging is the curriculum?



How effective is the teaching and learning?



How well does the school assess what students are learning?



Survey ²

91%

responded positively to questions about Rigorous Instruction

City: 85%
Borough: 86%

Selected Questions

87% of students say that they learn a lot from feedback on their work (City: 84%)

92% of students know what their teacher wants them to learn in class (City: 90%)

96% of teachers say that students build on each other's ideas during class discussions (City: 78%)

Collaborative Teachers



Teachers participate in opportunities to develop, grow, and contribute to the continuous improvement of the school community.

Quality Review

How well do teachers work with each other?



Survey

98%

responded positively to questions about Collaborative Teachers

City: 86%
Borough: 87%

Selected Questions

100% of teachers say that they work together to design instructional programs (City: 91%)

100% of teachers say that they have opportunities to work productively with colleagues in their school (City: 85%)

100% of teachers say that they feel responsible that all students learn (City: 89%)

Supportive Environment



The school establishes a culture where students feel safe, challenged to grow, and supported to meet high expectations.

Quality Review

How clearly are high expectations communicated to students and staff?



Less Restrictive Environment

Movement of students with special needs to less restrictive environments



Survey

88%

responded positively to questions about Supportive Environment

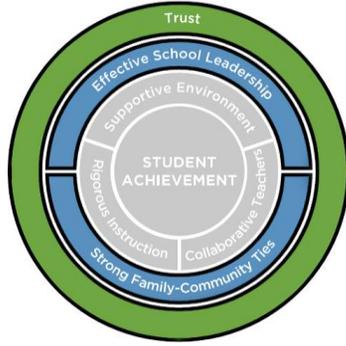
City: 83%
Borough: 84%

Selected Questions

93% of students feel safe in the hallways, bathrooms, locker room, and cafeteria (City: 84%)

77% of students say that teachers notice when they are upset or having emotional difficulty (City: 71%)

88% of students say that this school supports students in navigating the post-secondary process (City: 82%)



Effective School Leadership

School leadership inspires the school community with a clear instructional vision and effectively distributes leadership to realize this vision.

Survey ²

97%

responded positively to questions about Effective School Leadership

City: 82%
Borough: 82%

Selected Questions

- 100% of teachers say that the principal communicates a clear vision for this school (City: 86%)
- 100% of teachers say that curriculum and instruction are well coordinated across different grade levels (City: 82%)
- 92% of parents feel that the principal works to create a sense of community in the school (City: 89%)

Strong Family-Community Ties

The school forms effective partnerships with families and outside organizations to improve the school.

Survey

79%

responded positively to questions about Strong Family-Community Ties

City: 75%
Borough: 76%

Selected Questions

- 89% of parents say that school staff regularly communicate with them about how the staff can help their children learn (City: 88%)
- 91% of parents feel that teachers try to understand families' problems and concerns (City: 90%)
- 100% of teachers say that teachers at this school work closely with families to meet students' needs (City: 91%)

Trust

Relationships between administrators, educators, students, and families are based on trust and respect.

Survey

96%

responded positively to questions about Trust

City: 89%
Borough: 89%

Selected Questions

- 100% of teachers say that they trust the principal (City: 82%)
- 100% of teachers say that they trust each other (City: 87%)
- 92% of parents say that school staff work hard to build trusting relationships with them (City: 91%)
- 90% of students say that teachers treat them with respect (City: 86%)

Additional Information

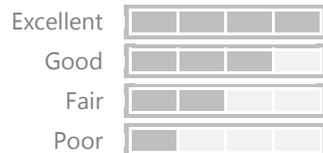
This report is intended to provide a useful summary of school information, but it does not cover everything.

To learn more, parents are encouraged to review additional resources, such as the School Directory, the School Quality Guide, the Quality Review, and the NYC School Survey, and to speak with members of the school community.

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For more information on this document: [#http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/7A334DFB-D6DD-4740-A849-E2B01B628BA6/0/SnapshotFamilyGuideHS2015.pdf#](http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/7A334DFB-D6DD-4740-A849-E2B01B628BA6/0/SnapshotFamilyGuideHS2015.pdf#)

School Quality Guide: http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2014-15/School_Quality_Guide_2015_HS_M294.pdf
 Quality Review: http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports/2013-14/Quality_Review_2014_M294.pdf
 NYC School Survey: http://schools.nyc.gov/OA/SchoolReports//2014-15/Survey_2015_M294.pdf
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